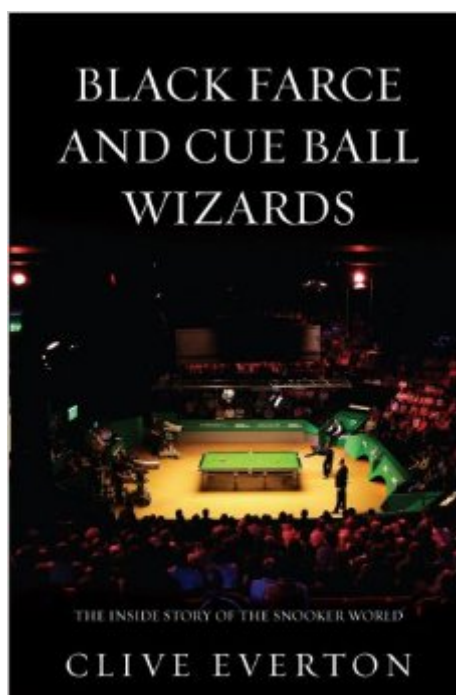


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Written with all the eloquence and fervor of a of a golf commentator. This is a decent read if you are looking for an atlas of snooker facts (or enjoy reading a dictionary), but the feeling and flow is just not there. This seems like a recap of years of old sports page scores and commentary. Seems to be lacking true grit! Nice cover art though

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